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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. UNSIGNED FRONT-PAGE COMMENTARY IN PARTY ORGAN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" (RD) WED 31 DEC STATES 1975 "EMPHASIZED DEEPENING OF GENERAL CRISIS OF CAPITALISM....ATTEMPTS OF MONOPOLISTIC CIRCLES TO THROW ONTO THE WORKERS MASSIVE EFFECTS OF CRISIS CONDITIONS OF CAPITALIST ECONOMY ARE MEETING CONTINUALLY MORE ORGANIZED OPPOSITION BY PROLETARIAT....STRUGGLES OF STRIKES IN WESTERN WORLD -- THIS WELL-TESTED WEAPON OF PROLETARIAT -- STRONGLY JOLTED CAPITALIST ECONOMY." ARTICLE STATES 1975 INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN U.S. WILL BE 6 TO 8 PER CENT LESS THAN IN 1974. "INFLATION IN WESTERN COUNTRIES AND DEPRECIATION OF AMERICAN DOLLAR, DESPITE SOME EXCEPTIONS DURING 1975 AS WHOLE, CONTINUED TO BE HIGH....THIS YEAR EMPHASIZED TRUTH THAT WORKING CLASS AND ITS ORGANIZATIONS, HEADED BY COMMUNIST PARTIES, ARE FIRST-RATE FORCE...."

2. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT VLADIMIR LANKOV IN RD WED 31 DEC STATES 1975 ECONOMIC CRISIS IN U.S. "WAS CONSTANTLY COMPARED, AND WITH JUSTIFICATION, WITH 'GREAT DEPRESSION' ....IN THIS SITUATION IT WAS LOGICAL TO EXPECT THAT GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESS WOULD ACCEPT SYSTEMATIC EFFORTS FOR GETTING OUT OF CONDITION OF STANDSTILL....ON CONTRARY, (OUTL WAS CHARACTERIZED BY SHARPENING STRUGGLE (BETWEEN WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS)....STATED MOST GENERALLY, THESE

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DIFFERENCES ARE DEFINED BY IN WHICH STRATA OF POPULATION

(POLITICAL PARTIES) SEARCH FOR THEIR POLITICAL BASE."  
LANKOV CITES "TIME" MAGAZINE'S PROGNOSIS THAT 1976 WILL  
BE YEAR OF TRANSITION, BUT UNKNOWN WHETHER TO INSECURE  
EQUILIBRIUM OR STAGNATION, AS "EXTREMELY TYPICAL OF THE  
ATTITUDE DOMINATING IN THE COUNTRY."

3. KOSTADIN FILIPOV IN KOMSOMOL ORGAN "NARODNA MLADZHZH"  
WED 31 DEC STATES PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO PEKING "WILL BE  
REMEMBERED BY PROCLAMATION OF 'NEW PACIFIC DOCTRINE'...."  
FACT THAT DOCTRINE AIMS AT "PRESERVING AND STRENGTHENING  
(U.S.) PRESENCE" ON ASIA AND IN PACIFIC REGION IS NOT NEW.  
"WHAT IS NEW ARE STRONGHOLDS OF THE DOCTRINE...ON FIRST  
LEVEL JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA,...ON SECOND LEVEL PHILIPPINES,  
INDONESIA, THAILAND, WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS MALAYSIA  
AND SINGAPORE,...ON THIRD LEVEL PEKING, (WHICH) INSISTS  
ON AMERICAN PRESENCE IN ASIA AS ELEMENT TO NEUTRALIZE  
'SOVIET MENACE'....WITHOUT DOUBT FORD'S 'PACIFIC  
DOCTRINE' IS DIRECTED ABOVE ALL AGAINST POSITIVE  
PROCESSES ON ASIAN CONTINENT....GENERAL SENSE AND  
SIGNIFICANCE (OF DOCTRINE IS) INTENTION TO ACTIVELY  
INTERFERE IN ASIAN LIFE WITH PURPOSE OF OPPOSING  
POLICY OF SECURITY, COOPERATION AND PEACE ON THIS  
CONTINENT, WHICH NOW MORE THAN EVER NEEDS CALM."  
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